

FEELING

The Annual Camp Meeting Begun at Sing Sing.

PREPARATIONS AND FIRST SERVICES

Inauguration of a Meeting at Merrick, L. I.

Back of the Hudson, on the east bank, about a mile and a half from the river, the Sing Sing camp meeting is pitched in a grove of trees composed of oak, hickory, beech and maple. The situation is extremely picturesque, and must have been selected by some one who had an eye for effective rural surroundings.

The meeting, which lasts for a term of ten days, began yesterday afternoon with prayer and hymn singing in the conventicle, a frame building of limited dimensions, with large openings front and rear. The attendance was small on account of the inclement weather in the morning, and also because it was the first or preliminary day of the meeting. The real stirring business will hardly come off before Sunday next.

The Sing Sing camp meeting is quite a venerable institution, having been established as long ago as forty years. Numerous converts have been made in its early years, and many conversions made from exterior causes of men. They were strange meetings in many ways. Some of the hardest cases that ever illustrated New York society attended them. They probably did some good, but those who knew them best say they were perverted as a general thing from their primary purpose, and that in fact they became the places of resort for people who had no idea of religious sentiment in their hearts, and were rather disposed to frequent the place for untidy purposes.

Anyhow, it must be said the meetings in some of the past years resulted in a cloud of suspicion. But there is every reason for saying that however the reputation of the place may have been in the past, it is to-day all appearance of respectability and propriety directed.

DESCRIPTION OF THE CAMP.

The camp covers about ten acres and is under the charge of Mr. Joel Samuels. The ground belongs to the New York Camp Meeting Association and the tents are rented out at prices varying from \$5 to \$15 for the season. There are twenty-two frame and canvas tents, and a large number of canvas tents. The most attractive residence upon the place. He is a carpenter by trade, but has been in the camp for the last thirty-four years. Mrs. Carter also has a wooden cottage, and so has Mr. Dr. Hunter, of Harlem, and Mrs. Brant, of New York. They are old frequenters of the meeting, and make it their sole and whole summer resort. There are two police officers on hand to keep order, and to see that the tents are to themselves, where they exhibit of an afternoon an amount of religious feeling in the way of psalm singing, and drinking and eating. The latter habit is not so common as it used to be. The names of the officers are Beatty and Hubbard, and they say they are to look after the entire concern with any assistance. When the tents are pitched, there are at least four thousand people who will be in attendance, and spending each respectively \$2 a day, a sum of \$8,000 will be sent into circulation in the village of Sing Sing, from which all the supplies in provision, etc., must be drawn. The natives are consequently very much pleased over the prospect of the camp meeting as a circumstance of joy and profit.

Porter is chairman of arrangements, and his aids are Dr. Trae, of Flushing, Dr. Fowler of the Christian Advocate, Dr. Simms of Brooklyn, and Mr. Van Cott, who will be present on the 17th of the month.

The tents are nearly all eugled and the hotel, which belongs to the association, has most of its rooms prepared for the use of the camp. The tents are pitched in a grove of trees, and some of these tents are as appeared yesterday were quite elegant in damask and lace. The tents are pitched in a grove of trees, and some of these tents are as appeared yesterday were quite elegant in damask and lace. The tents are pitched in a grove of trees, and some of these tents are as appeared yesterday were quite elegant in damask and lace.

MERRICK CAMP MEETING.

OPENING OF THE EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING—MINISTERS AND NOTABLES PRESENT AND EXPECTED.

The eighth annual meeting of the Merrick camp followers opened last evening on the grounds of the association. About fifty families are and have been for some weeks stopping on the encampment, most of whom occupy cottages which have been built by the association and rented out. Unlike other camp meetings here and there, at Merrick, by the year \$5 a week are sold. Hence there is no great temptation to run into debt. But this plan has its disadvantages as well as the other. For instance, a man may rent a lot one year, and not want it the next, and the trustees may lose the chance to rent it. Then very few men, except such as have a moneyed interest in the grounds, care to erect expensive cottages on ground rented by the year. But to counteract this feeling of insecurity and give some sense of permanency to this encampment the association a couple of years ago erected about thirty cottages, which they rent for the season very reasonably. It is, however, intended, probably during this meeting or soon after its close, to sell lots out at \$50 a lot, and to let the camp followers have the right of choice in the order of their application. Messrs B. Phillips, L. B. Cornell, James H. Brown, George Wilson, Benjamin Wilson, J. J. Carter, of Brooklyn, and other members of the Board of Trustees, have cottages permanently on the ground, where they spend the greater part of the summer. Rev. John Standish, of the Episcopal Church, Brooklyn, J. S. Ferry, of Flatbush, A. R. Sands, of Flatbush, and the prominent elder, A. S. Graves, the stopping on the grounds of the association in a cottage and the others in tents—with their families. Yesterday Rev. S. A. Seaman, of New Bridge Road, Brooklyn, and Rev. W. P. Armstrong, of the Union Theological Seminary, were on the ground.

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The trustees expect Bishop Andrew, Dr. O. M. Tiffany, of St. Paul's Church, New York, and Dr. George Lansing Taylor, of New Rochelle, to occupy the night on Monday, the camp meeting, and to be followed at half-past eight A. M. by a meeting of the young people's meetings at four and five P. M. daily. The programme of meetings are as follows: At half-past seven A. M. with a prayer meeting, followed at half-past eight A. M. by a meeting of the young people's meetings at four and five P. M. daily. The programme of meetings are as follows: At half-past seven A. M. with a prayer meeting, followed at half-past eight A. M. by a meeting of the young people's meetings at four and five P. M. daily.

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OUR SAVINGS BANKS.

HALF YEARLY STATEMENT OF THE RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE SAVINGS INSTITUTIONS OF NEW YORK CITY.

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SAVING RIVERS SAVINGS INSTITUTION.

Resources. \$2,505,325 00

Stock investments at cost—

United States, \$1,500,000 00

Other than New York, 25,000 00

Cities in New York, 3,500,000 00

Towns in New York, 64,420 00

4,049,755 65

Loans on stocks, 48,000 00

Banking house and lot at cost, 40,000 00

Other real estate at cost, 4,442 81

Cash on hand and in bank, 28,627 41

Cash on hand, 26,654 76

Interest due and accrued, 124,023 00

Total, \$5,100,170 81

Liabilities.

Due depositors, \$7,206,530 20

Open accounts, July 1, 1877, 705,940 00

This bank reported January 1, 1877—Due depositors, \$7,538,575 38; surplus, \$675,724 02; total, \$8,214,299 40.

METROPOLITAN SAVINGS BANK.

Resources. \$2,411,517 09

Stock investments at cost—

United States, \$1,890,161 12

Other than New York, 1,200,000 00

Towns in New York, 4,000 00

3,127,033 12

Loans on stocks, 100,000 00

Banking house and lot at cost, 243,361 71

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BROADWAY SAVINGS INSTITUTION.

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Stock investments at cost—

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Other than New York, 100,000 00

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IRVING SAVINGS INSTITUTION.

Resources. \$260,100 00

Stock investments at cost—

United States, \$375,850 00

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